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PERFORMANCE OF INDIAN AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of passengers and the quantum of luggage brought through international flights by the Indian Airlines in the country during the last two years alongwith the details of total revenue earned through it;

(b) whether the Indian Airlines is competing satisfactorily with other International Airlines;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): Indian Airlines carried 9,40,000 and 10,96,000 in bound passengers during 2005-06 and 2006-07 repectively on its intenational flights. The freight (including excess baggage) brought through international flights by Indian Airlines during 2005-06 and 2006-07 was 8028 tonne and 7414 tonnes respectively. The estimated traffic revenue earned by Indian Airlines on its international services during 2005-06 and 2006-07 was 1850 crores and 2425 crores respectively.

(b),(c) and (d): Indian Airlines has consistently increased its operations i n international markets o f strategic interest.In spite of increased access and more entitlements to foreign airlines, Indian Airlines has been able to hold on to its market share in international market to/from India. Indian Airlines` market share in international operations to/from India has been 9.7% in 2004-05 and 9.8% in 2005-06.

(e): The Government has approved the fleet acquisition plan of Indian Airlines for induction of 43 new Airbus aircraft during 2006-10. The Government has also approved the merger of Indian Airlines and Air India with the objective of optimally utilising and leveraging existing resources through improvement in load factors and yields on commonly serviced routes. The merger will lead to seamless connectivity of regional operations, short to medium-haul trunk operations and long haul operations offering improved product through wider network coverage. The merged airline, with the new fleet will be able to compete more effectively in both the international as well as domestic sectors